

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 5, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Self-Determination Update

**FROM:** Self-Determination Director

**TO:** Tribal Health Directors                      Service Unit Directors  
Urban Executive Directors                      GLITC and ITC of MI  
Self-Governance Coordinators

**Note: Please make copies available to interested council members, health boards, and clinical/medical directors**

### Tribal Advisory Board (TAB)

Enclosed are the TAB Minutes from the January 23, 2003 meeting, which were approved at the Spring TAB Meeting (held by teleconference call) on April 21, 2003.

For your calendar, please note the summer TAB Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 13, 2003** from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Minneapolis. We are trying to get the Homewood Suites confirmed for the meeting and will send out information on the location as soon it is confirmed.

### Title I & V Pre-negotiation Meeting for FY 2004 Tribal Negotiations

Enclosed are the minutes of the FY 2004 Pre-negotiation Meeting held Thursday, May 8, 2003, at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott in Bloomington, MN. Please review these minutes regarding the Area's position on various issues for FY 04 negotiations.

### Region V HHS Tribal Governments and Indian Urban Programs Leadership Summit/Formal Tribal Consultation Session with DHHS

Attached is the agenda and registration information about the *Region V DHHS Tribal Governments and Indian Urban Programs Leadership Summit*, which will be held on **Tuesday, July 15 through Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Mystic Lake Resort in Prior Lake, Minnesota. The purpose of this 2-½ day tribal leadership summit is to facilitate improved communication and coordination within DHHS with regard to their programs that serve American Indians/Alaska Natives. The underlying assumption is that this will lead to increased access of Tribes and Indian Urban Programs to programs and resources through DHHS as well as improved service. Following this summit, a ½ day formal tribal consultation session is being planned for the afternoon of July 17th.

### NIHB: National Conference in Bemidji Area this Fall

The 2003 National Indian Health board Consumer Conference will be held September 29 – October 2, 2003 at the Radisson Riverfront in St. Paul, MN. The conference theme is Maximizing Resources through Partnerships: The Future of American Indian and Alaska Native Health Care. If you would like more information or your tribe would like to assist in the planning of this conference, please contact the Bemidji Area NIHB Representative, Deanna Bauman @ 920/869-2711 ext. 4809.

### **Consultation on Health professional priorities for the 437 Scholarship Program**

Tribal Leaders received a letter dated 5/13/03 regarding the opportunity to comment (until June 20, 2003) on the health professions that will be included in the list of "Priorities Categories" for academic year 2004-2005. This list was published in the Federal Register on 10/31/2002, page 66412. For further information, contact Tony Buckanaga @ 218/444-04486.

### **Grant Opportunities**

We have initiated a new process to send out a monthly memo with grant opportunities from other federal agencies to you to assure you receive these in a timely manner. In the meantime, we are also working on developing a website that you will be able to peruse for updated grant opportunities.

IHS FY 2003 Grants available:

1. Nursing Recruitment Grants for American Indians/Alaska Natives. Applications are due June 17, 2003.
2. Mental Health and Community Safety Initiative for American Indian/Alaska Native Children, Youth, and Families Grants. Applications are due July 11, 2003.
3. Tribal Self-Governance Planning and Negotiation Cooperative Agreements. Applications are due June 20, 2003.

If you need copies of these application kits, call Dennis Murphy at 218/444-0482. If you have any questions about the content of this memo, please call me at 218/444-0472.

Sincerely

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Cc: Executive Leadership Team  
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